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Media Alert - CDF to hold “Live Fire Training”

Camino - The Amador-El Dorado Unit of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) provides annual training on the utilization of fire as a tool for wildland fire suppression and control. The CDF Intermediate Firing Operations is a class specifically designed to provide firefighting personnel with the knowledge to safely conduct wildland fire control operations with the use of fire. The term “fighting fire with fire” is the best analogy to describe the purpose of the training.

Students will be instructed on fire behavior, safety, and firing techniques related to the use of fire in wildland fire fighting operations. Live firing scenarios will be conducted to demonstrate the different firing techniques that are typically used in fire control operations. Scenario training will take place over grass lands that are managed by the Nature Conservancy for “vernal pool habitat protection”. Occasional fire occurrence favors the healthy persistence of vernal pool habitat by controlling invasive weeds and favoring native vegetation.

Firefighters will be split into several groups with a single instructor that is experienced in firing techniques. Each group will be instructed on each firing method by actually performing the action that is required to produce the desired effect. Fire will be allowed to develop so firefighters can observe fire effects for themselves in a controlled environment.

Location: Eastern Sacramento County, South of Highway 104 and east of Rancho Seco Park. Project area. The area can be accessed by driving from Lone or Highway 99 towards Rancho Seco. The entrance to the ranch where we will be working is located on Highway 104 approximately 2 miles east of the entrance to Rancho Seco Park and power plant.

Live Fire Dates: June 22nd and June 23 beginning at 10:00 AM. Fire Information Officer Phyllis Banducci will be on scene. Her cell phone number is 530-919-4505.

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